Notes and Actions of Mancetter Quarry Liaison Meeting
Held on 2nd March 2015, at Mancetter Quarry.

Present:

Trevor Hopkins (Chair) - Mancetter Parish Council
Ian Grace - WCC
Tony Worrall - Resident
Alistair Quigley - Resident
Jim Aldred - Resident
Mike Gale, Production Manager - LafargeTarmac
Andy Kent, Estates Manager - LafargeTarmac

1. Apologies

Jean Marshall, Cllr Chris Clark, Sue Healey, Brian Martin, Neil Byard, Rachael Foley, John Robson, Dean Walters

2. Matters Arising from Previous Notes and Action Points

All actions arising from the previous meeting had been completed. It was noted that Alistair Quigley had wrongly been stated as giving his apologies when he was in attendance at the last meeting.

HGV tracking devices for the Lafarge Tarmac contract fleet are now 50% complete. Mancetter based lorries have been badged with numbers 1 to 30. A further 30 badges have been ordered as the first 30 have been used.

3. Quarry Development Report, including restoration

The quarry continues to work on reduced outputs in an attempt to conserve stone until the planning application has been decided. Sales of asphalt and fill materials are buoyant at present thanks to the improving economic conditions. Work has been completed on the bag filter to prevent fumes arising from the use of recycled asphalt on the main asphalt plant. A few short runs using recycled asphalt have been undertaken however the fumes were still present and so the site will continue to suspend the use of recycled asphalt until a solution is found.

Satellite tracking devices have been installed to half of the company fleet of HGVs with the remainder being fitted by the end of May 2015.
Hedge and scrub clearance works have taken place recently to prevent nesting birds taking up residence in hedges etc within the proposed extension area. The hedges have not been removed, just trimmed, so that should planning permission be granted in the spring there will be no delay in starting the development. Severn Trent Water have agreed to divert their water pipes this spring to avoid holding up the quarry extension. This work is likely to start at the beginning of May and will last up to 12 weeks. During this time, all public rights of way will remain open, except for a two week period towards the end of the works when the new pipes are being connected to the existing. There will be a very short detour during this time to keep the routes open.

4. Update on Proposed Quarry Extension

The planning application is expected to go to committee on 14th April 2015. It is unclear whether the planning committee will require a site visit. Mr Grace will make further low key representations to the chair of the committee to see if the members are likely to want a visit.

Andy Kent was pleased to say he had reports of excellent cooperation and liaison with the Public Rights of Way Department and this was appreciated. The informal consultation process with key stakeholders for diverting bridleways AE108x and AE109x had recently drawn to a close with just two requests for additional information and no objections. This had come from the Warwickshire Ramblers and Mancetter PC. Resulting from this exercise, minor amendments to the proposed alignment of the new bridleway link AE108x to AE109x have been made to utilise the line of an existing golf course cart route and achieve better gradients. It is expected that the diversions will be presented to the planning committee at the same time as the quarry extension. Subject to grant of planning permission, there will then be a final formal public consultation before the diversions can be adopted during the Summer.

If both the planning application and bridleway diversions are approved in April, it will take a further two months for the legal details to be agreed and planning permission to be issued. It is anticipated that soil stripping will start in August.

5. Comments and Observations Warwickshire County Council

Ian Grace informed the liaison group that Paul Wilcox had been replaced by Matthew Williams as the case officer working on the planning application. Ian explained why a second round of consultation was needed for the additional information primarily on the volumes of aggregate and road planings imported to the Quarry and the planings processing area at Purley. This second consultation had just finished. Ian also explained the process of addressing the planning committee: Parish Councils, the applicant and anyone whom submitted a letter during the consultation are permitted to speak for up to 3 minutes provided they gave at least 7 days notice. Ian advised that there were no significant statutory consultee objections and that five letters of representation had been received from the public of which, most were not vehemently opposed to the application.

Ansley PC had been concerned about a recent increase in traffic volumes but had been reassured to hear that there had been no increase in volumes of imported aggregates and any perceived increase was probably the result of traffic diversions brought about by the recent road closures on Quarry Lane.
Ian noted that Mancetter PC had not commented on the application. Trevor advised that the Parish did not have any objection to the application. Andy Kent considered it would be useful even at this late stage if the Parish could confirm their position for the report.

Should planning permission be granted for the extension, Lafarge Tarmac has volunteered a monthly and annual cap to limit imported aggregate and planings to ensure there are planning controls in place in future to prevent larger volumes of imported materials such as occurred early 2014 happening again.

6. Comments and Observations North Warwickshire Borough Council

Zoe Bickley is now on maternity leave and Dean Walters was unable to attend.

7. Any Other Business

Andy Kent outlined the Lafarge Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund scheme and how this can be made available to not for profit organisations within 7 miles of a Lafarge Tarmac site. The fund is managed by Derbyshire Environmental Trust. More information can be found at: http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/lottery_funding/environmental_trust/

Date of Next Meeting

7:00pm, Monday 1st June 2015 for a site visit.